

NEW CATALOGUE - SECTION "E".

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As always, as I write the proof reading by Stephen Steere of section "E" of the New Illustrated Catalogue is nearing completion and will have been finished by the time you read this. The new section lists **917** different "E" dies, an increase of 5% on the 872 known after the April 1993 Update. The number of identified E's now stands at an encouraging **508** (55.4%).

As with previous sections of the 'New Illustrated Catalogue', many tens of thousands of perfined stamps have been inspected by fellow collectors contributing to this latest section. Over 8,000 different stamps are itemised against the 917 different dies giving an average of 8.7 stamps/die.

There are 5 contenders for the longest lived of the "E" dies at 60 years:

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| "E.B" (E0270.02) | in use 1885-1945 |
| "E.C/D" (E0640.01) | in use 1935-1995 |
| "E/S&C ^o " (E4270.01M) | in use 1882-1942 |
| "ES/L ^{td} ." (E4360.01M) | in use 1920-1980 |
| "E/S&S" (E4410.01) | in use 1880-1940 |

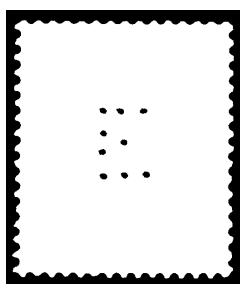
"EFS/S" (E1620.01M) and "ES" (E4110.03M) both have the greatest number of **DDF** at **82** (on 12 different issues each), whereas "E.B" (E0270.02) and "E/S&S" (E4410.01) can be found on the greatest number of 'issues' - **13**.

The 'scarcity' table for the E's is as follows:

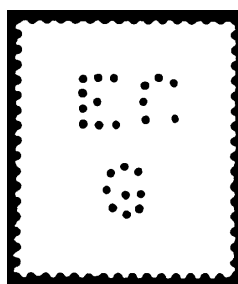
| DDF Known | DD | % | Scarcity |
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| 10 or more | 270 | 29.4% | Common |
| 4-9 | 266 | 29.0% | Reasonable |
| 2-3 | 220 | 24.0% | Scarce |
| 0-1 | 161 | 17.6% | Rare |
| TOTAL | 917 | | |

As a result of the responses by **Stephen Steere, Joe Dooley, Gerry Soutar, Mike Oxley, Kurt Ottenheimer, Rosemary Smith, Terry Wood, Colin Fountain, Magnus Werner, and Jack Brandt** to the twenty-four “Missing E’s” shown in Bulletin No.337 (pages 4/5), there are now only *Five* ‘E’ dies for which we have no stamp details. This means section “E” of the catalogue is over 99.4 % ‘complete’.

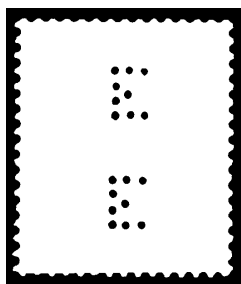
If you have any stamps that exactly match any of the following five dies for which we currently have no details, I would be very pleased to receive any information regarding the stamp/postmark details to help provide accurate date ranges for a future edition or update.



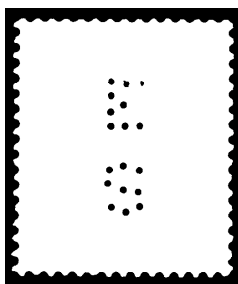
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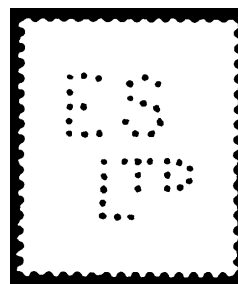
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E4125.01p



E4350.02

If, when going through your perfin and comparing them against the catalogue you have any other additional information such as earlier/later dates, post-towns, new values and issues, please let me know, again so that I can keep the catalogue up-to-date.

This latest section takes us to approaching two thirds complete. The letter now being looked at in detail is “F”, along with the slim ‘Monogram’ section involving around 130 different dies. Both will be published early next year.

